

Old Baptist Parsonage
Lee County
Sublette, Illinois

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Reduced Copies of Measured Drawings

PHOTOGRAPHS
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA
District No. Ill.1.

Historic American Buildings Survey
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Owner - Mrs. Nellie Munro

Date of Erection - Unknown

Present Condition - Fair

Number of Stories - One and one-half

Materials of Construction - Brick foundation walls and chimneys, frame construction, pine siding, interior trim and doors, stair trim walnut.

Additional Data-- Because the house has been moved from its original site the location of which is unknown, it has not been possible to discover from County records the name of the man who first built and owned this dwelling.

Dr. F.H. Gardner, a physician now residing in Moline, Illinois is the first known owner. He states that the house was built by a "Baptist minister as his own private property in about 1860." However the design and construction of the building would indicate an earlier date. Neighbors in the vicinity believe the house to have been built prior to 1850. They call it the "Baptist Parsonage" because the minister dwelt there, although it was never owned by the church.

Mr. C.J. Frey of Rockford was owner at one time. The present owner and occupant is Mrs. Nellie Munro. She states that since she purchased the building a kitchen on the north side with a large porch to the north east corner as well as the ornamental railing around the small flat portion at the top of the roof has been removed. Copies of early photographs of the building show the house before the railing was removed.

Sources - Mrs. Ella Hatch and Mr. Will Easter, Sublette, Dr. F.H. Gardner, Moline, Illinois and Mrs. Nellie Munro present owner and occupant.

By Ella Hatch

Approved Margaret Jones

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